

The Honorable David G Estudillo

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

CLAUDIA ARIAS, an individual,  
  
Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON – UNIVERSITY  
OF WASHINGTON TACOMA (“UWT”), a  
state educational institute; VERN HARNER,  
officially and individually; CLAUDIA  
SELLMAIER, officially and individually;  
ANDREA HILL, officially and individually;  
KEVA MILLER, officially and individually;  
and ELAVIE NDURA, officially and  
individually,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:25-cv-05079-DGE

**STIPULATED MOTION TO EXTEND  
TIME TO RESPOND TO  
COMPLAINT BY ANSWER OR  
MOTION**

Defendants University of Washington, Vern Harner, Claudia Sellmaier, Andrea Hill, Keva Miller (“Defendants”), and Plaintiff Claudia Arias (“Plaintiff”), jointly move this Court without oral argument for an Order granting an extension of time for the above-referenced Defendants to file answers to the complaint or motion(s) to dismiss pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) to February 28, 2025.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b) the Court may for good cause extend deadlines. Good cause exists here. This action was filed in state court on January 13, 2025. Defendants removed to Federal Court on February 3, 2025. Defendants’ counsel in this action was retained on January 16, 2025.

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Defendants' lead counsel was out of the country on a pre-planned trip from January 23 to February 4. Defendants Harner and Hill recently agreed to accept service of process through counsel. Given these circumstances and the number of Defendants and claims asserted in this action, additional time is warranted to allow the Defendants to prepare their answers to the complaint or motion(s) to dismiss pursuant Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6). This extension will not prejudice the parties or unduly delay the case. As such, good cause exists for extending the time Defendants have to file their answers or motion(s) to dismiss to February 28, 2025.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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**ORDER**

Pursuant to the parties' above stipulation, and good cause having been shown, the deadline for Defendants University of Washington, Vern Harner, Claudia Sellmaier, Andrea Hill, and Keva Miller to answer the complaint or file motion(s) to dismiss is hereby extended to February 28, 2025.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2025.

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THE HONORABLE DAVID G ESTUDILLO  
United States District Court Judge

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